WHEREAS, cardiovascular diseases, including heart attack and stroke, are the leading cause of death among women, claiming the lives of more than half a million women each year; and

WHEREAS, 63 percent of women who die suddenly of coronary heart disease had no previous symptoms; and

WHEREAS, the American Heart Association’s “Go Red For Women” campaign encourages women to learn more about the signs and symptoms of cardiovascular disease and make lifestyle changes that could help reduce their risk of heart disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 4, 2005, as

GO RED FOR WOMEN DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of heart disease in women.

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA